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Dear Sir:

If American troops were used to overthrow the Cuban (Castro) Government, it would be an act of war, and also possible that Red Russia would intervene.

I have conceived a plan, where it is possible to overthrow Castro within forty-eight hours, without the use of American forces. At this time I am questioning if I would violate my rights as an American citizen, and sacrifice my freedom with imprisonment, if I began to recruit volunteers for the invasion of Cuba. If this recruiting program is not an offense, and will not violate my citizenship or freedom, would it be possible to secure data, maps and military strength figures of Cuban forces.

This is not an attempt to embarrass our Government, or a desire to squeeze information from ranking officials in regards to their intentions toward the Cuban Government. I request nothing else, except knowledge of my future position as a citizen, if I attempted to recruit volunteers. I have not revealed my plan to anyone, and your reply will be destroyed as soon as I have completed reading it, if I receive it.

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